26th July THE DUNKIRK PIRATES

Of late divers Newcastle men have been taken on the coasts of Norfolk and Suffolk *by* the Dunkirkers for that those hoys of Newcastle go so slenderly armed that they give occasion to the enemy to set upon them The Mayor and others of Newcastle are now to require these ships to be furnished with iron ordnance, powder and some cahvers or muskets, and to see them properly manned Moreover, they shall go together in consort

A PRESUMPTUOUS BALLAD

There is a certain ballad published, written by Deloney, containing a complaint of the great want and scarcity of corn within the realm , and because it contained! vain and presumptuous matter that thereby the poor may aggravate their grief and take occasion of some discontent, the Lord Mayor hath called before him the printer and the party by whom it was put to print, who pretended a licence , but finding it untrue the Lord Mayor hath committed him In the matter complained of, the Queen is brought in to speak with her people m very fond and undecent sort, and prescnbeth orders for the remedying of the dearth of corn, extracted (as it seemeth) out of the book published last year

THE POSSESSION OF THOMAS DARLING

At the late assizes held at Derby by Sir Edmund Anderson, the Lord Chief Justice, there is condemned a certain witch called Alse Goodendge that very grievously bewitched a boy, one Thomas Darling

This Darling at the end of February last went hunting the hare with his uncle, one Robert Toone, dwelling in Burton upon Trent , but his uncle being earnest in following his game was parted from the boy, who returned home alone, and after-

ward waxing heavy, and growing very sick, was got to bed
The next morning he had some fits with extreme vomitings, and
would many times point with his hands, saying, * Look where
green angels stand in the window,' and complaining of a green
cat that would trouble him Moreover the use of his legs was
taken from him Many and strange fits he had, which being
ended, he would fall upon his knees suddenly to prayer and
that so pithily that the standers-by wondered thereat ; and